

LAND OFFICE—ST. STEPHEN'S.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A report of the Register and Receiver of the land office for the land district of St. Stephen's, Alabama.

DECEMBER 4, 1834.

Read, and laid upon the table.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

December 2, 1834.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit copies of two reports by the register and receiver of the land office for the district of St. Stephen's, Alabama, prepared in obedience to the third section of the act of Congress, approved 2d March, 1829.

I have the honor to be, respectfully sir,

Your obedient servant,

LEVI WOODBURY,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. the SPEAKER of the House of Reps.

LAND OFFICE,

St. Stephen's, Ala., July 7, 1834.

SIR: We have forwarded with this a special report upon the claim of the heirs of Miguel Eslava to a tract of land in the city of Mobile.

Very respectfully, your obedient servants,

JOHN B. HAZARD, *Register.*

JOHN H. OWEN, *Receiver.*

HON. ELIJAH HAYWARD,

Commissioner of the General Land Office.

LAND OFFICE,

St. Stephen's, Ala., July 3, 1834.

The heirs of Miguel Eslava have presented a claim to a tract of land in the city of Mobile, containing two arpens and four toises front, by

twenty-five arpens deep, founded on a French grant from Dabbadie, Director General of Louisiana, bearing date the 27th of December, 1763, to Madam De Lusser, and conveyed by the attorney of the heirs of De Lusser to Miguel Eslava, on the 21st of June, 1809, which conveyance passed through the office of the commandant at Mobile, as appears from his certificate. This claim was presented to the commissioner of private land claims in 1814, the claimant stating in his application that the claim was founded upon a "grant lost by time or accident;" but at the same time filing the original French grant to Madam De Lusser, with the conveyance to him; which appears of record. In the report of the commissioner, this claim is classed as a "grant lost by time or accident," and there being no evidence adduced that the tract was inhabited and cultivated under the Spanish Government, it was not confirmed to the claimant.

The heirs of Miguel Eslava now present their claim, and desire it to be confirmed under the third section of the act of the 2d March, 1829, entitled "An act confirming the reports of the register and receiver of the land office for the district of St. Stephen's, and for other purposes," having produced evidence of the land having been in possession of the original grantee and the present claimants from the year 1796 to the present time; and, also, that Miguel Eslava was a resident of that part of Louisiana situated east of Pearl river, west of the Perdido, and below the thirty-first degree of latitude, on the 15th of April, 1813, and on that day to have been in possession of the tract claimed; and that the said tract was in the possession of Miguel Eslava and the original grantee for ten consecutive years previous to that day, and that it is not claimed by any other person.

It is therefore recommended for confirmation.

JOHN B. HAZARD, *Register*.
JOHN H. OWEN, *Receiver*.

LAND OFFICE,

St. Stephen's, September 16, 1834.

SIR: We have forwarded with this our report No. 7, under the third section of the act of Congress of the 2d March, 1829.

Very respectfully, your obedient servants,

JOHN B. HAZARD, *Register*.
JOHN H. OWEN, *Receiver*.

HON. ELIJAH HAYWARD,

Commissioner of the General Land Office, Washington.

No. 7.

ABSTRACT of claims to land situated east of Pearl river, west of the Perdido, and below the thirty-first degree of latitude, presented to the Register and Receiver of the land office for the district of St. Stephen's, in the State of Alabama, acting as commissioners under the authority of the third section of the act of Congress of the 2d March, 1829, entitled "An act confirming the reports of the Register and Receiver of the land office for the district of St. Stephen's, in the State of Alabama, and for other purposes."

No.	By whom claimed.	Original claimant.	Nature of claim.	Tract claimed.	Quantity claimed.	POSSESSION.	
						From.	To.
1	William Fisher, } children & Marselit Krebs, } heirs of W. Herpolit Dremis, & } Fisher, de- Josephine Carlot, } ceased.	Wm. Fisher.	Possession for ten consecutive years previous to the 15th of April, 1813.	Fractional sec's. 3, 10, 15, & subdivision C., of fractional sec. 11, T. 4 S., R. 1 W.	Containing in all 602 80-100 acres.	15th Ap'l 1803.	15th Ap'l 1813.

LAND OFFICE, *St. Stephen's, Alabama, September 16, 1834.*

William Fisher, the original claimant, appears to have been resident of that part of Louisiana situated east of Pearl river, west of the Perdido, and below the thirty-first degree of latitude, on the 15th of April, 1813, and on that day, and for ten consecutive years previous thereto, to have been in possession of the tracts claimed; and that the said tracts are not claimed by any other person, except Michael O'Conner, who claims the right of pre-emption to a part thereof, under the act of Congress of the 5th of April, 1832, and William D. Gager and John Street, having located two floating pre-emption claims on other parts thereof, under the act of Congress of the 19th June, 1834. The foregoing claim is recommended for confirmation, subject to the lawful claims of the foregoing persons.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN B. HAZARD, *Register.*
JOHN H. OWEN, *Receiver.*

